

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 9, as follows:

For a golf club of a wood type, a head formed of a persimmon has been mainly used. In some days, a head formed of a carbon fiber reinforced resin spread. In recent years, a head formed by a metal material such as stainless steel, an aluminum alloy or a titanium alloy has become ~~been~~ a mainstream. In particular, the titanium alloy having a high specific strength has been used willingly. In order to reduce a weight, a hollow structure is employed for a head of a wood type which is formed of metal.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 17, as follows:

The swing form of an average golf player is unstable. Due to the disorder of the swing form, a the hitting point (a contact point in a face with a golf ball) is apt to be shifted from a sweet spot. The shift of the hitting point causes a bad shot. In respect of the suppression of the bad shot, a head having a large volume has been proposed and employed. Referring to a large-sized head, an effort has been made to reduce the thickness of each member constituting the head in order to decrease a the weight.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 26, as follows:

The face of the golf club head comprises a loft. By the loft, a golf ball hit by the golf club is launched obliquely and upward and flies with a backspin. A launch angle obtained immediately after hitting and a backspin rate are important elements ~~to~~ that influence the trajectory of the golf ball. An appropriate trajectory height is obtained by a proper launch angle and backspin rate.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 33, as follows:

In the golf club of the wood type, importance is attached to a flight distance. In respect of the flight distance, the skilled in the art have recognized that a preferable golf club has a low initial backspin rate and a great launch angle. The skilled in the art have also recognized that a golf club having a smaller height of a center of gravity tends to have a lower initial backspin rate and a greater launch angle. A light crown is employed and most of weights are distributed close to the sole so that a golf club having a low center of gravity can be obtained.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 43, as follows:

Although the crown is thinned in order to lower the center of gravity, the rigidity and strength of the crown becomes insufficient due to the thinning. The insufficient rigidity excessively deforms a head at time of an impact. The excessive deformation deteriorates ~~a~~ the resilience performance due to ~~an~~ energy loss and changes ~~a~~ the hitting sound. In particular, a large-sized head ~~has~~ is formed from each member ~~which~~ that is originally thinned. Therefore, further thinning causes the insufficiency of the rigidity to be remarkable.